ANS Correspondence

Arnold, Benjamin Walworth

1927-1934

To the Sec[illegible]y of

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Dear Sir:

Please propose my name as an Associate of the American Numismatic Society. Upon notification of my election, I will send my check for the dues for the current year.

Yours truly,

NAME Benjamin Walworth Arnold

ADDRESS State Bank Bldg. Albany, N.Y.

Note: The annual dues are five dollars. Provision is made for enrollment as an Associate for life, upon election or subsequently, by a single payment of $100.00.

PROPOSED BY: Howland Wood

Paid

September 17, 1927

Mr. Benjamin W. Arnold,
State Bank Bldg.,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Arnold:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that at the meeting of the Council of the American Numismatic Society held on September 16th, you were unanimously elected an Associate member. I hope to have the pleasure of greeting you at our Museum when your convenience permits.

Your dues have already been paid.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

April 30, 1931.

President Edward T. Newell,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Newell,

Will you please pardon me for again troubling you with reference to my distinctly unprofessional, although somewhat large, collection of the Roman coins of Egypt, which I collected in Egypt a few years ago. I would like to present four or perhaps five hundred of my coins to an institution and will be much obliged if you will suggest some competent person to whom these coins might be sent who would classify and name them and put each one in a small coin envelope with the name attached, unless you think of some other way in which the work should be done. Also, about what should be the expense of such work.

Your reply addressed to me at 75 State Street, Albany, New York, will be much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

BWArnold

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD

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75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

May 9, 1931.

Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 155th Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir,

As a member of your Society I am writing to ask if you will tell me where and at what price I can secure the services of someone you will classify and name a few hundred of the Roman coins of Egypt, which I would like to have accurately named and each coin put in a small coin envelope so that I may send them to the National Department of Education in the City of Mexico.

Yours very truly,

BWArnold

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD

May 11/31
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rec. same letter &
will answer

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
ALBANY, NEW YORK

June 9, 1931.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 155th Street,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Noe,

Since writing you May 9, and receiving your reply, I have not heard from Mr. Newell and as the matter of identifying a series of my Egyptian coins is quite urgent, I am writing to ask if you will be good enough to suggest the name of someone who would undertake to do this work for me.

Your early reply will be much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

BWArnold

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

June 22, 1931.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 155th Street,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Noe,

May I ask for the courtesy of a reply to my recent letter asking for information which would enable me to secure the proper naming of two or three hundred of the Roman coins of Egypt which I desire to present to the National Museum of Mexico and for that purpose to have the names attached.

Yours very truly,

BWArnold

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD

June 23, 1931.

Mr. Benjamin Walworth Arnold
75 State Street
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Responding to yours of June 22nd. Your previous letter was not answered by me because it was referred to Mr. Newell with whom you had previously had correspondence and I presumed that you would have already have heard from him. I regret that I am unable to refer you to anyone who would be able to do the work you desire. Perhaps, by this time, you will have received a response from Mr. Newell.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

June 24, 1931.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Newell,

I am again writing to ask if you will be good enough to give me the address of someone who might be willing professionally to name for me two or three hundred of the Roman coins of Egypt. My reason for deciding to secure accurate names for these coins is that I wish to present them to the National Museum of the City of Mexico.

While visiting Mexico in March and April I had various interesting talks with officers of the Department of Education and told them that I would be very glad to present them with several hundred of the Roman coins of Egypt for museum and study purposes and I am quite anxious to have the coins accurately named before sending them down there.

Yours very truly,

B W Arnold

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD

June 26th 1931

Mr. Benjamin Walworth Arnold,
Albany,
N. Y.

Dear Mr. Arnold:

I am indeed sorry that so long a time has elapsed since you wrote me concerning the attribution of your Egyptian coins. The fact was that our staff is at present seriously undermanned and has been snowed under with a very considerable amount of work which had to be finished before a certain date. I did not wish to promise you something which we would be unable to fulfill.

As some of our work has now been cleared out of the way we are in a better position to accept outside work with a prospect of being able to finish it within a reasonable time.

Any small number of coins we are always glad to attribute for our friends or members free of charge. As, however, your Egyptian collection appears to be rather sizeable we will be forced to charge so much per coin as it involves a considerable amount of work and time. Our regular charge is fifteen cents per coin. We might be able to shave this figure slightly in your case if your coins are well preserved and legible, thus saving considerable time in their decipherment. Such a reduction, however, I could not definitely promise until after I have seen the collection. In similar cases we have often come to an agreement with the owner as follows: if the collection to be attributed should contain a number of specimens not represented in the Society's collection we have often accepted such pieces in lieu of any payment for attributing the remainder of the pieces. In such cases the coins kept are valued at their outside market value (and often considerably more) so as to make up the amount otherwise charged for the trouble and time taken in attributing the pieces. If you care to have us attribute your coins at the rate mentioned, or in return for certain pieces to be added to our collection, please let us know and send us the coins either by express or by insured post. Express is preferable when the number of coins involved is large and the weight of the parcel therefore large.

Awaiting your decision, and apologizing for the delay,

Very truly yours,

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
ALBANY, NEW YORK

Northeast Harbor, Maine,
July 1, 1931.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 155th Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Newell,

Thank you for your letter of June 26 received via Albany. It is very good of you to offer the facilities of the Society for naming my Egyptian coins at the low rate of fifteen cents per coin, which I shall be glad to avail myself of as soon as we return to Albany in early September.

I quite appreciate the stress of work which prevented earlier attention to this matter.

I doubt whether my collection contains many, if any, very rare coins but it is of course possible that ~~in~~ among three and one-half or four thousand coins there are some specimens which may not be abundant.

With renewed thanks for your courtesy.

Yours very truly,

BWArnold

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD

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75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

October 2, 1931.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Street,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Newell,

I am sending you by express three tin boxes containing threehundred fifty coins from Egypt which, in accord with our correspondence early last summer, I would like to have diagnosed by your experts and each coin placed in a little coin envelope on which is written the name and data or whatever you think appropriate as indicating the identity of the coin. If there are any coins in this lot which are particularly interesting, I will be much obliged if you will send them directly to me at 75 State Street; I will also be much obliged if you will send the remainder of the coins by express to Senor Eduardo Noguera, Direccion de Monumentos Prehispanicos, Secretaria de Educacion, Mexico, D.F., Mexico. Please be sure and include the entire name and address as above and also enclose in the shipment a few words telling that the coins are from me.

Will you please send the bill for naming, etc., as well as any express charges or other charges connected therewith, to me at 75 State Street.

Yours very truly,

BWArnold

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD

Oct. 10th 1931

Benjamin Walworth Arnold Esq.,
78 State Street,
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Arnold:

Yesterday I had occasion to visit the city and found your letter of Oct.2nd, and also the parcel containing 350 Egyptian coins, awaiting me. These coins are now in process of being attributed by Mr. Wood (our Curator) and myself.

I note that for certain of the types there are present, in several cases, more than a dozen exact duplicates. For other varieties there are anywhere from four to ten exact duplicates. Do you wish all of these duplicates [illegible] the duplicates returned to you [illegible] variety?

[illegible] in-[illegible] son of the famous [illegible] preservation. Would you like to have these returned to you ?

I note that the [illegible] in a very [illegible] condition. [illegible] the re-[illegible] their inscriptions more legible and the types clearer and more attractive,

Awaiting your kind reply, I remain,

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

October 13, 1931.

Edward T. Newell, President,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Street,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Newell,

Copy of your letter of the 10th has been sent to Mr. Arnold, who is on the West Coast and will probably not return to Albany until the latter part of this month. Will you kindly hold up the shipment of the coins until you hear from Mr. Arnold as to the various questions asked in your letter.

Yours very truly,
Margaret MacEachern
Secretary to Mr. Arnold

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

November 5, 1931.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 156th and 155th Streets,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Newell,

I was sorry not to see you when I was in New York a few days ago as it would be much easier to talk coins than to write about them. The facts, however, are that I have probably thirty-five hundred coins which I picked up nearly all in Egypt with the exception of a few exceedingly poor and small specimens which I got in Palestine. These coins were chosen from boxes full or bags full or pockets full which the Arabs had generally found in a mass and had loosened them up and cleaned them off more or less with lemon juice. Actually, I consumed many hours in looking over these heaps and handfuls of coins from which I chose what seemed to me to be the most interesting and the clearest specimens, but which doubtless include many duplicates.

After talking with your Mr. Wood it seemed to me that the best thing which I could do might be to send all of my coins down to you, if you could find time to attribute them and divide them into three or four groups, one group containing the best two specimens of each coin, a second group containing the third best specimen of each coin, and the fourth group containing coins taken from each of the previous groups which ~~would~~ did not occur in your collection.

My idea in this matter is that primarily my collection seems technically worthless unless the coins are identified and that I would like to present to you part or all of the coins which you lack in your collection, but that before giving them to you I would like to look them over personally and decide on which - if any - coins I would prefer to retain for myself. The second sorting being the third best coins I would like to present in part at least to the National Museum of Mexico, but until I know how many coins there would be in the third group I cannot decide how many I want to send to Mexico.

Mr. Edward T. Newell - #2.

I trust that I have made myself clear to you in this matter and that you will not consider me selfish in desiring to retain part at least of the non-duplicate coins in my collection.

If this proposition is agreeable to you will you please write me at my Albany address and, as I am leaving for a month's absence in Mexico tonight, your letter will be opened by my Secretary, who can ship the coins to you accordingly.

This shipment of coins, if you desire it made, will include a few reproductions in more or less crude form which I think are interesting as illustrations.

Yours very truly,

B. W. Arnold

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD

Nov. 10th 1931

Benjamin Walworth Arnold Esq.,
75 State Street,
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Arnold:

It was indeed a great disappointment to me that I missed your visit to the city, concerning which Mr. Moon told me yesterday when I visited New York after a somewhat unexpectedly long absence.

Your letter of Nov. 5th I also found awaiting me. Its contents have been carefully studied and seem perfectly clear. Whenever you are ready to ship the remainder of your coins down to us we will be pleased to commence attributing them. I take your letter to imply that we are temporarily to retain the 250 specimens already attributed until the whole collection has been assorted and attributed, so the selection of the three categories described in your letter might be affected by what turns up in the coins at this moment still in Albany.

Again regretting my bad luck in missing your visit and trusting that the next time I may be fortunate enough to be in our building,

Very truly yours,

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

November 13th., 1931.

Mr. Edward T.Newell
The American Numismatic Society
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of November 10th.to Mr. Arnold has been received.

Mr. Arnold's secretary that is to look after forwarding the coins to you was in an auto accident a week ago and has been unable to attend to packing the coins. She is expecting to be about the middle or last of next week and they will then be forwarded.

She advises me that the coins you have are to be retained by you until they have all been assorted.

Yours very truly,

Frank Doug

Secretary.

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

December 1, 1931.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Newell,

The coins are being shipped to you today by American Express and under an insurance of a thousand dollars.

I am sorry not to have been able to send these to you before and trust the delay has not been a serious inconvenience to you and that you will be able to do them soon.

There are about thirty-seven hundred sixty-eight of the metal coins and about one hundred and fifty glass coins. I packed the glass coins in cotton and put them in tin boxes so they should arrive safely.

Will you please advise me when the box has arrived and as to its condition; also, when you think they will be attributed.

Yours very truly,
Margaret Mac Eachern
Secretary to Mr. Arnold

Dec. 8th 1931

Miss. Margaret Mac Eachern,
78 State Street,
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Miss. Eachern:

The case containing the coins belonging to Mr. Arnold has recently been safely delivered to us. My absence from the city caused this slight delay in acknowledging the receipt thereof.

I have given the contents a cursory glance and they appear to be allright. I was worried with regard to the glass pieces which had been packed in with the very heavy bronze coins - but they all appear to be undamaged, thanks to your careful packing.

It is difficult to say just when they will all be described as it takes a good deal of time to describe (to say nothing of sorting) well over three thousand coins ! Especially is this the case as one of our staff has recently left for the excavations being carried on in Cyprus by the Pennsylvania University Museum and her place has not yet been filled. Also, the ordinary work of our Museum and Society has to go on as usual, but every endeavor will be made to complete the task for Mr. Arnold as soon as possible. A start has already been made and later on I can let you know how the work progresses.

Very truly yours,

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

January 4, 1932.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Wood,

Replying to your letter of December 22, which I regret has remained so long unanswered. In order that I may send coins to Mexico as early as convenient to you, I would be very much obliged if you will tell me approximately how many different Roman coins of Egypt you find in my collection. My idea is to send about two hundred fifty of the Roman coins of Egypt to the Mexican Museum (which, incidentally, is under the Educational Department of that country) at as early a date as consistently possible so that the matter may be accomplished before my next departure from Albany. I am surprised to hear that what I had supposed to be glass coins are glass weights as I was told in Egypt that they were the coins of the Fatima Dynasty. Also, I do not understand your reference to the metal coins as Alexandrian coins and will be much obliged if you will explain both features to me.

I would like also to know about how many non-duplicate Alexandrian coins were found in my collection and about how many non-duplicate coins other than Alexandrian you found. Also, whether there were any coins of particular interest and rarity.

Your early reply addressed to me at 75 State Street, Albany, will be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

BWArnold

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD

Jan.16th 1932

Benjamin Walworth Arnold Esq.,
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Arnold:

Your letter of January 4th was referred to me by Mr. Wood on my return from a business and archaeological trip to Washington and Richmond, which kept me away longer than I had anticipated. I only got back just in time for the Annual meeting of the Society - all of which interferred with answering your letter as promptly as desired.

The coins which were struck in Egypt under Roman dominion but inscribed in Greek letters, are known to collectors as Alexandrian coins. The later issues with Latin inscriptions are known as Roman coins struck in Egypt. The former have now been described and total about 1500 specimens. Your collection contains, roughly, about 500 distinct varieties, the remaining 1000 or so pieces are duplicates. These estimates do not include the Roman (Latin) coins struck in Egypt, the Ptolemaic, Byzantine, Italian Roman and miscellanious Greek and Mohammedan pieces, which go to make up the remander of your collection. Of these only the Roman (Latin) coins and the Mohammedan remain to be described, and these are now all assorted and ready for description.

According to the wishes expressed in former letters I have now laid aside two lots of Ptolemaic and Alexandrian coins being thing

selection. These total exactly 160 pieces. You say in your letter of Jan 4th that you desire to present about two hundred and fifty of the Roman coins of Egypt to the Mexican Museum. We can bring this number of 160 pieces up to 250 by adding Latin, ~~and~~ Byzantine and Mohammedan coins struck in Egypt and shall do so if you give the word. The first selection of these Alexandrian coins numberes about 500 varieties, the second selection aout 400 varieties - the remainder are all duplicates and it is from these that the two lots of 160 coins of the "Third selection" have been made.

Regretting the delay in answering your letter,

Very sincerely yours,

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

January 20, 1932.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Newell,

Thank you for your very comprehensive letter of January 16.

Please note that I have no desire to present to the Mexican Museum my choicest coins. Of course, I would like to have them have a few choice coins but not to include any coins of which there are less than three or four duplicates remaining.

I note that your letter suggests that the one hundred sixty pieces already selected are exclusively Ptolemaic and Alexandrian. Also, you explain to me the distinction between the "Roman coins of Egypt" as against other Egyptian coins. I think it would be better for me to have the majority of the Mexican shipment taken from the Latin coins of Egypt, with perhaps two or three of the more ordinary Byzantine or Mohammedan coins, and I would prefer that the entire Mexican shipment should come from duplicates.

Probably for the Mexican shipment, two hundred coins would answer the purpose quite as well as two hundred fifty and, as Mrs. Arnold and I hope to sail for Jamaica late next week, I will be ever so much obliged if you could send these coins to me so that I can send them on to Mexico before we start for our winter in Jamaica.

Your letter refers to your interest in archaeology and I am wondering whether you would be interested in Mexican archaeological artifacts. My Mexican things are all small and are practically all terra cotta comprising faces and spindle whorls. If you are interested in such material, it would be a great pleasure to send you some.

Yours very truly,

B W Arnold

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD

8. Ptolemy

152 Alexandria

5 Byzantine

2 Amaurus Copper

10 Egyptian glass weights

92 Roman!

269 Deposition to Arcadius

For Mexico

2 Amaurus Coins Copper .10

10 Egyptian glass weights Mohammedan period 2.00

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70 Latin [illegible]
([illegible] etc)

200 [illegible]
[illegible] etc

5 [illegible]
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275 for Hamilton College

Special
Trunk Feb. 19

SOCIETY OF MEDALISTS

HEADQUARTERS - ART CENTER

65 East 56th Street

New York

DURING 1930 and 1931 medals by Laura Gardin Fraser, Paul Manship, Hermon MacNeil and Frederick MacMonnies comprised a beautful series of wide diversification of subjects—yet each a worthy example of medallic art.

In the February issue of the *American Magazine of Art*, official publication of the American Federation of Arts, comment on the last medal closes with the following: "To possess a work by this great sculptor is a privilege indeed, and members of the Society of Medalists are to be congratulated upon their good fortune."

The members have commented so favorably and the membership has increased in such a gratifying manner, that the aims and purposes of the Society's sponsors have been proven sound and desirable. Renewals are almost 100% and the number of voluntary applications for membership is steadily increasing. Recommendations for new members are requested. In writing prospective members your name will not be used unless you voluntarily grant that privilege.

The next issue will be by Lee Lawrie. It will be classic in design and it may be described as a precept, a prophecy and a promise made manifest in bronze. It will furnish a new and an extremely interesting addition to members' collections.

The Society is entering its third year. Your support is needed for continued growth. And of course you want to secure this year's two beautiful medals. Promptness in mailing your check, payable to the SOCIETY OF MEDALISTS, with the stub, in the enclosed envelope will be much appreciated.

SOCIETY OF MEDALISTS.

Means for the care and display of individual collections are under consideration, and advice will be sent you as soon as a satisfactory method is determined.

3 Mohammedan
glass
weights from
Egypt

2 early
Mohammedan
copper coins

COINS FROM MR. ARNOLD'S COLLECTION ALREADY RETURNED.

FIRST CONSIGNMENT (for Mexico). Returned Jan. 28nd 1932

8 Ptolemies.
152 Roman Alexandrian.
5 Byzantine.
2 Amawi Copper.
10 Egyptian Glass Weights.
92 Roman Bronze (Diocletian to Arcadius).
269 TOTAL

SECOND CONSIGNMENT (For Hamilton College). Sent Feb. 16th 1932

200 Alexandrian (Ptolemies, Roman Emperors, Byzantine etc.)
70 Late Roman (Constantine to Arcadius).
5 Muhammedan Bronze and Glass.
275 TOTAL

THIRD CONSIGNMENT RETURNED TO ALBANY (February 19th 1932).

185 Miscellanious Greek, Roman and Byzantine.

Jan 22nd 1932

Benjamin Walworth Arnold, Esq.,

Albany,

N. Y.

Dear Mr. Arnold:

When your letter of the 20th arrived we had already commenced packing up the coins for Mexico. These we are now sending to you under separate cover and they ought to reach you early next week. They comprise the following categories:

8	Coins of the Ptolemies of Egypt.
152	" " Alexandria under the Romans(Tiberius to the Tetrarchy).
92	" (with Latin inscriptions) of the emperors Diocletian to Arcadius and struck at various mints in the Empire.
5	" of the Byzantine Empire.
2	" of the Amawi Dynasty.
10	Glass weights of the Fatemide rulers of Egypt.
269	Total.

This total is slightly larger than the number you suggested but they are all represented(in the collection which is left) three and four times over, many of them even more than this. If you do not desire to send so many to Mexico you can always keep back as many as you wish from the lot when it reaches you.

I very much trust that you will find everything satisfactory.

In your letter you very kindly ask me if I am interested in Mexican archaeological artifacts. For financial reasons and also for lack of space in the congested state of modern city existence I have rigidly confined my collecting to Babylonian and Egyptian seals, and to Greek, Roman, Byzantine etc. coins, seals and other small objects which can easily be packed away. I have never wandered into other fields, such as the American Indian for instance, although I fully appreciate how fascinating such collecting would be. Living as we do right alongside of the Museum of the American Indian I have often taken occasion to step in for a few moments to look at and admire the beautiful work done by the "first Americans". I appreciate very kindly your generous thought .

Awaiting your further instructions with regard to the remainder of your coins, and trusting that you and Mrs. Arnold may have a most enjoyable winter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

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POSTMASTER,

By

Jan.30th 1932

Benjamin Walworth Arnold, Esq.,

Albany, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Arnold:

Your letter of Jan.27th duly received, and last evening the box of further coins was safely delivered. I am very much pleased that you are satisfied with the attributions.

I have to-day commenced picking out a further selection from the duplicates for Hamilton College. As before, there will hardly be more than about 160 odd pieces of the Ptolemaic and Greco-Roman issues for Egypt (there only having been about this number in the entire lot which occurred in triplicate or more) but from the Roman Latin issues (very much more common) I think we can pick out enough from the duplicates to make a total number of about 300 pieces. To these I can add a few more interesting pieces from the Egyptian series which are duplicates either of your first selection or of varieties already in the American Numismatic Society and therefore of no particular interest to us.

The new lot of coins will be attributed and sent to you in a few days, also the Hamilton College selection.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory to you,

Very sincerely yours,

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

January 27, 1932.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Street,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Newell,

The package of coins, also your letter of the 22nd, is at hand; for all of which I thank you. I had not before realized how much more interesting the coins become when they are duly named and available for study.

These coins are so attractive that, if not troubling you too much, I will be ever so much obliged if you will pick out a collection of two hundred fifty to three hundred different coins which I would like to present to Hamilton College, my alma mater, where I am sure they will be appreciated - both for study and exhibition.

In choosing these coins please select an interesting series from the duplicate coins of my collection.

In looking through my cabinet recently I found another lot of coins, which I purchased partly from a priest in Jerusalem and partly from a lot of small boys, who picked some very small coins out of the mud that was being excavated in digging a sewer line through the City of Jerusalem. These coins are all badly worn and may not be worth attributing but I will send them down to you and if you think any of them are worthwhile I wish you would attribute them and return them to me at Albany at your early convenience. Also, will you please send the collection for Hamilton College to me at 75 State Street, Albany, New York, as soon as available; if I am not at home the collection will be shipped directly to President Ferry, the President of the College.

Yours very truly,

BWArnold

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

February 2, 1932.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 156th and 155th Streets,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Newell,

A copy of your letter of the 30th has been forwarded to Mr. Arnold in Jamaica.

Before Mr. Arnold went away he asked me to send you three seals, which are going to you under letter postage today. The numbers on the back of these seals identify the place from which they came: VIII. Culhuacan (Early Aztec); XII. Chalco (Toltec and Aztec); and, XXI. Coacalco - north of Puebla.

I am glad the box of coins were safely delivered and note that all of the coins will soon be sent to Albany.

Yours very truly,
Margaret M. Caplein
Secretary to Mr. Arnold

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UNIFORM EXPRESS RECEIPT

FROM **NEW YORK, N. Y.**

(5075)

NON-NEGOTIABLE No. 603-937 ***COLLECT***

New York, N. Y. *Date* _____ 19__

Received from _____

Address _____
Subject to the Classifications and Tariffs in Effect on Date of Issue

Article _____ *Weight* _____

Consigned to _____

At _____
Number Street City State

Value herein declared by Shipper to be _____ *Dollars*

Which the Company agrees to carry upon the terms and conditions printed on the back hereof, to which the shipper agrees, and as evidence thereof, accepts and signs this receipt.

_____ *For the Shipper*

_____ *For the Company*

C. O. D.

Return Charges

Date _____

Number Pieces	Weight
C. O. D.	Declared Value
Return Charges	

NOTE

The Company will not pay over $50, in case of loss, or 50 cents per pound, actual weight, for any shipment in excess of 100 pounds, unless a greater value is declared and charges for such greater value paid.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The provisions of this receipt shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the consignor, the consignee and all carriers handling this shipment and shall apply to any reconsignment, or return thereof.

2. In consideration of the rate charged for carrying said property, which is dependent upon the value thereof and is based upon an agreed valuation of not exceeding fifty cents per pound, actual weight, for any shipment in excess of 100 pounds, unless a greater value is declared at the time of shipment, the shipper agrees that the company shall not be liable in any event for more than fifty dollars for any shipment of 100 pounds or less, or for more than fifty cents per pound, actual weight, for any shipment in excess of more than 100 pounds, unless a greater value is stated herein. Unless a greater value is declared and stated herein the shipper agrees that the value of the shipment is as last above set out and that the liability of the company shall in no event exceed such value.

3. Unless caused by its own negligence or that of its agents, the company shall not be liable for:

a Differences in weight or quantity caused by shrinkage, leakage, or evaporation.
b The death, injury, or escape of live freight.
c Loss of money, bullion, bonds, coupons, jewelry, precious stones, valuable papers or other matter of extraordinary value, unless such articles are enumerated in the receipt.

4. Unless caused in whole or in part by its own negligence or that of its agents, the company shall not be liable for loss, damage or delay caused by—

a The act or default of the shipper or owner.
b The nature of the property, or defect or inherent vice therein.
c Improper or insufficient packing, marking, or addressing.
d The Act of God, public enemies, authority of law, quarantine, riots, strikes, perils of navigation, the hazards or dangers incident to a state of war, or occurrence in customs warehouse.
e Delay in initiating, or partial delivery to the consignee of C. O. D. shipments.
f Delivery under instructions of consignor or consignee at stations where there is no agent of the company after such shipments have been left at such stations.

5. Packages containing fragile articles or articles consisting wholly or in part of glass must be marked and be packed so as to insure safe transportation by express with ordinary care.

6. When consigned to a place at which the express company has no office, shipments will be held at the time and in the expiration at which delivery will be accepted or be marked with corresponding directions it to go beyond the express company's line by a carrier other than an express company. If not so marked shipments will be refused.

7. As conditions precedent to recovery claims must be made in writing to the originating or delivering carrier within nine months after delivery of the property or, in case of failure to make delivery, then within nine months and fifteen days after date of shipment, and suits shall be instituted only within two years and one day after the date when notice in writing is given by the carrier to the claimant that the carrier has disallowed the claim or any part or parts thereof.

8. If any C. O. D. is not paid within thirty days after notice of non-delivery has been mailed to the shipper the company may at its option return the property to the consignor.

9. Free delivery will not be made at points where the company maintains no delivery service; at points where delivery service is maintained free delivery will not be made at addresses beyond the established and published delivery limits.

Special Additional Provisions as to Shipments Forwarded by Vessel from the United States to Places in Foreign Countries.

10. If the destination specified in this receipt is in a foreign country, the property covered hereby shall, as to transit over ocean routes and by their foreign connections to such destination, be subject to all the terms and conditions of the receipts or bills of lading of ocean carriers as accepted by the company for the shipment, and of foreign carriers participating in the transportation, and shall be subject to the terms accepted for transportation and delivery subject to the acts, ladings, laws, regulations, and customs of overseas and foreign carriers, custodians, and governments, their employees and agents.

11. The company shall not be liable for any loss, damage, or delay to said shipments over ocean routes and their foreign connections, the destination of which is in a foreign country, occasioned by conditions in the United States, which may be occasioned by any such acts, ladings, laws, regulations, or customs. Claims for loss, damage or delay must be made in writing to the carrier at the port of export or to the carrier issuing this receipt within nine months after delivery of the property at said port or in case of failure to make such delivery, then within nine months and fifteen days after date of shipment; and claims so made against said delivering or issuing carrier shall be deemed to have been made against any carrier which may be liable hereunder. Suits shall be instituted only within two years and one day after the date when notice in writing is given by the carrier to the claimant that the carrier has disallowed the claim or any part or parts thereof. Where claims are not so made, and/or suits are not instituted thereon in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the carrier shall not be liable.

12. It is hereby agreed that the property destined to such foreign countries, and assessable with foreign governmental or customs duties, taxes or charges, may be delivered at foreign port of destination, and/or destination, and there held pending examination, assessments and payments, and such duties and charges, when advanced by the company shall become a lien on the property.

Feb. 16th 1932.

Benjamin Walworth Arnold, Esq.
75 State Street,
Albany, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Arnold:

Under separate cover we have yesterday forwarded to you a parcel of 275 coins, selected by us from your duplicates, for the gift which you said you desired to send to Hamilton College. These coins ought to reach you at the same time as this letter.

In a few days we will have ready to forward to you the last parcel of various coins sent us which you said came mostly from Jerusalem. As you also said, many of these coins are in poor condition, but we have been able to attribute the big majority of them nevertheless. A few were in so bad a state of preservation that they are quite illegible.

In the meanwhile there has arrived the parcel containing the three terra-cotta ancient Mexican seal stamps. These are certainly unusually fine and beautiful specimens and they have given me a great deal of pleasure. Needless to say, I had nothing like them in my collection and they make a most desirable addition to my collection of ancient Babylonian, Egyptian and Classic seals. Thank you very much indeed, for your kind and generous thought,

Very sincerely yours,

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

February 17, 1932.

Edward T. Newell, President,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Newell,

The coins arrived yesterday and in fine condition and we are today forwarding them to Dr. Ferry at Hamilton College.

Your letter came this morning and a copy is being forwarded to Mr. Arnold in Jamaica.

I note that the little package containing the seals arrived O.K.

Yours very truly,

Margaret MacCathern

Secretary to Mr. Arnold

RECEIPT FOR INSURED MAIL—Form 3813

Keep this receipt until parcel is accounted for satisfactorily. It represents a parcel insured, and must be presented in the event of application for indemnity. The sender should write the name and address of the addressee on the back.

DOMESTIC AND CANADA

FEES	INDEMNITY	
5c	Value up to	$5
8c	Value up to	$25
10c	Value up to	$50
25c	Value up to	$100
30c	Value up to	$150
35c	Value up to	$200

APPLY AT POST OFFICE WINDOW FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING FEES AND INDEMNITY APPLICABLE TO INSURED MAIL FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CANADA.

No. _____

Class _____

Postage _____ cts.

Insurance fee paid _____ cts.

Accepting employee will place his initials in spaces applicable to indicate indorsements and insert the fees paid.

(Postmark of)

(Mailing Office)

POSTMASTER,

By _____

...IMS MUST BE FILED ... POSTMASTER ... SIX MONTHS ... OF MAILING.

Fragile _____ Fee paid for return receipt _____ cts.

Perishable _____ Special delivery fee _____ cts.

Eggs _____ Special handling charge _____ cts.

R. H. Arnold
Albany
N.Y.

Louis Thurnell
N.Y. Cell

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
75 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK

July 21, 1932.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Newell,

I regret to say that severe illness for several months has prevented me from doing anything about the coins, which are still with you in New York, where if agreeable to you - for the present at least - I would like to leave them until I am able to come down to New York and talk with you about them.

Yours very truly,

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD

Dictated but not read by Mr. Arnold

[illegible] ALREADY RETURNED.

FIRST CONSIGNMENT (for Mexico).

Returned Jan. [illegible] 1[illegible]

[illegible] Ptolemies.
152 Roman Alexandrian.
5 Byzantine.
2 Amawi Copper.
10 Egyptian Glass Weights.
[illegible] Roman Bronze (Diocletian to Arcadius).
269 TOTAL

SECOND CONSIGNMENT (For Hamilton College).

Sent Feb. 16th 1[illegible]

[illegible] Alexandrian (Ptolemies, Roman Emperors, Byzantine etc.)
[illegible] Late Roman (Constantine to Arcadius).
5 Muhammedan Bronze and Glass.
[illegible] TOTAL

THIRD CONSIGNMENT RETURNED TO ALTAMY (February 19th 1[illegible]).

1[illegible] Miscellaneous Greek, Roman and Byzantine.

Halesite, L.I.
July 28th, 1932.

Benjamin W. Arnold, Esq.,
Albany,
N. Y.

My dear Mr. Arnold:

Yesterday I had occasion to visit New York after a little absence and found your letter of recent date. We are very sorry to learn thereby of your illness and trust that you are now enjoying a rapid recovery. It will be a pleasure to welcome you once more to our building whenever you can come.

Your coins are all in the vault of the Society's museum. The Miscellaneous Greek, Egyptian Greek, Achaemeden, Miscellaneous Roman and Byzantine are all in their envelopes and attributed. The late third and fourth century Roman are all sorted and mostly in their envelopes. The assistant, Mr. Mosher, who was working on these was temporarily of necessity put on editorial work during our editor's absence. They will all be finished, however, before very long.

Trusting that this finds you quite well again, and awaiting your further instructions with regard to your coins,

Very sincerely yours,

ROOT, CLARK & BUCKNER
31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

ELIHU ROOT
COUNSEL

39, RUE CAMBON
PARIS, FRANCE

March 14, 1933

Edward T. Newell, Esq.,
Chalfonte-Haddon Hall,
Atlantic City, N. J.

Dear Sir: Re: Benjamin W. Arnold

We are counsel for the executors of Mr. Benjamin W. Arnold, late of Albany, New York, and are writing concerning some coins which Mr. Arnold sent to The American Numismatic Society in 1931 and 1932.

The executors have furnished us with some correspondence between Mr. Arnold and various officers of The American Numismatic Society, including yourself, concerning these coins. We do not know whether this correspondence is complete, but it appears from it that Mr. Arnold sent to the Society to be attributed 350 coins on October 2, 1931, 3768 coins and 150 glass weights on December 1, 1931, and "another lot of coins" on January 27, 1932.

It also appears that the Society returned to Mr. Arnold 200 or 250 coins, to be given to Senor Noguera at the National Museum of Mexico City, and 275 coins to be given to Hamilton College.

We understand from a telephone conversation with Mr. Wood that there are about 2130 coins still at the

Society, and that Mr. Arnold gave the Society 233 coins in payment for its services in attributing all the coins.

The correspondence does not show what disposition was made of the remaining 1230 coins, the 150 glass weights and the "another lot of coins", and we are writing to ask if you can give us any information as to this.

We should also like to know whether Mr. Arnold had given you any instructions concerning the coins which are still at the Society, or whether they were merely being kept there awaiting further instructions from him.

We should also like to know whether we are correct in our understanding that the 233 coins which Mr. Arnold gave the Society were in payment for all the Society's services in connection with attributing the coins, and that there are no further sums due the Society.

Very truly yours,

Root, Clark & Buckner

Haddon Hall Hotel,
Atlantic City, N.J.

March 18th 1933

Root, Clark & Buckner,
31 Nassau Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of recent date with regard to the coins belonging to the late Mr. Benjamin A.Arnold has been duly received and I have looked through such personal correspondence with Mr. Arnold as I happen to have with me. I do not happen to have all of the papers but enough to answer most of your questions.

In the first place I should state that I only checked Mr. Arnold's figures with regard to his first consignment of 390 coins sent Oct. 2nd 1931, and found them to be correct. I did not actually count the 3750 coins and 150 glass weights sent on December 1st,1931 but assume that these figures must be approximately correct. The "another lot of coins" which you say was sent Jan. 27th 1932, numbered exactly 125 pieces.

Three (instead of two, as you state) small lots of coins were returned to Mr. Arnold, namely :
1) 263 coins for Senor Rogiers at the National Museum of Mexico City, returned by us Jan. 22nd 1932.
2) 275 coins for Hamilton College, returned by us Feb.16th 1932.
3) 125 miscellanious Greek,Roman,Byzantine, returned by us Feb.19th 1932.

There must be a slight misunderstanding with regard to your telephone conversation with Mr. Wood. All the remainder of Mr. Arnold's coins and glass weights are still at the Society. They are divided into four lots, as follows:
1) Greek, Graeco-Roman, Byzantine, Mohammedan, Glass weights.
2) Roman Imperial.
3) Greek, Graeco-Roman, Byzantine, Mohammedan etc. selected by the Society.
4) Roman Imperial, selected by the Society.
Your figure of 2130 it seems to me refer only to lot No.1, though it may also include lot no.2. Your figure of 235 certainly refers to lot no. 3, only. Thedifference may lie in lot no. 4, but this I can not categorically state as I have not our figures here with me.
It seems to me that the best thing to be done in the matter is for you to send your representative to the Society as soon as I return, and we can then go over the whole matter together. I am planning to return to New York about the second week in April. As soon as I get there I shall call you by phone and we can make a definite appointment. If this meets with your approval please let me know.

In the meanwhile I may tentatively answer your two remaining queries. (1) Mr. Arnold gave us no definite instructions with regard to the remainder of the coins not already returned and not selected by the Society. I did however get the impression that he

was planning to divide them between Hamilton College and the National Museum, Mexico. But, if I remember correctly, this was before the two small lots had been sent. Whether he was considering the sending of the remainder also to these two institutions I do not know.

The 233 coins you mention as being given by Mr. Arnold to the Society are only those of lot 3. In addition, there are the coins of lot 4, less valuable but numbering considerably more in actual pieces. There are no further sums due the Society except such incidental expenses which we incurred in returning the three small lots of coins to Mr. Arnold. These amounts are negligible.

Awaiting your kind reply, I remain,

Very truly yours,

President.

EDWARD T. NEWELL
PRESIDENT

SYDNEY P. NOE
SECRETARY

CABLE ADDRESS:
"NUMISMA" NEW YORK

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM
TREASURER

HOWLAND WOOD
CURATOR

TELEPHONE:
AUDUBON 3-4141

March 20, 1933.

Dear Newell:

Your letter just at hand. As far as I know all of Arnold's coins are together except 37 glass weights which I have entered long ago, December 1931, and they are not in our cabinet. The 126 poor Roman coins that we set aside to clean were entered February 1932. All but 56 are here. Those are down at Columbia being cleaned. The 70 Alexandrian coins in envelopes are in a box marked with our name and I have put them in front of the Arnold coins. These were entered February 1932.

There is a registered package with coins from Ebeian of Damascus. It is in the vault. I leave for the hospital tomorrow morning.

Very truly yours,

Howland Wood

HW:JG

ROOT, CLARK & BUCKNER
31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

ELIHU ROOT
COUNSEL

39, RUE CAMBON
PARIS, FRANCE

March 21, 1933.

Edward T. Newell, Esq.,
Haddon Hall Hotel,
Atlantic City, N.J.

Dear Mr. Newell: Re: Benjamin W. Arnold.

We thank you for your very explicit letter of March 18, 1933. We agree with your suggestion that someone from this office go to The American Numismatic Society when you return, to go over the matter with you. If you will telephone Mr. Gray or Mr. Smalley of this office, they will be glad to make an appointment which will be convenient for you.

Very truly yours,

Root, Clark & Buckner

ROOT, CLARK, BUCKNER & BALLANTINE
31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

ELIHU ROOT
COUNSEL

39, RUE CAMBON
PARIS, FRANCE

May 27, 1933.

Edward T. Newell, Esq.,
Chalfonte-Haddon Hall,
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your letter of May 26, 1933.

So far as we are concerned, there is no necessity of our seeing you immediately concerning Mr. Arnold's coins and we hope that you are not leaving Atlantic City for this reason. We will appreciate it, however, if after you have returned to New York, you will let Mr. Gray know when it will be convenient for you to see him concerning the coins.

Very truly yours,

Root, Clark, Buckner & Ballantine

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
ALBANY, NEW YORK

December 21, 1933.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Newell,

We are progressing rapidly with the settlement of Mr. Arnold's Estate and I am writing to ask what arrangements can be made for the sale of his coins which have been in the custody of your Society for some time. Will you inform me as to the best method of disposing of them for I do not think any of the family are interested nor have the facilities for keeping the collection. Does your Society ever make purchases of collections like this? Or, do they act as auctioneer? I would appreciate hearing from you on this matter.

Will you also inform me as to what charges would be made for disposing of them and if there has been any cost for arranging them and handling them so far.

Yours very truly,

Ledyard Cogswell Jr.

LEDYARD COGSWELL, JR.
Executor

Jan. 8th 1934

Mr. Ledyard Cogswell Jr.
Albany, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Cogswell:

Your letter of the 21st reached here while I happened to be away for over the year's end, hence, unfortunately, the long time that you have had to wait for an answer.

I have pondered the question which you put as to the best way in which to dispose of Mr. Arnold's collection. In older and more affluent days the Society once in a while made purchases of entire collections, keeping the pieces needed and disposing of the remainder for what it could get for them. But those days are now past and we can purchase but few coins and only those which we do not already possess. Mr. Arnold's collection chances to be an extremely difficult one to dispose of piece-meal, as the coins are all common and there are such an unconscionable number of duplicates. I am certain that no one collector would care to, or be in a position these days to, purchase the collection as a whole. Your only hope is to dispose of the collection to some dealer (whose offer, I am afraid, will shock you) or to place the collection at auction sale. In this regard your best hope is the Elder Coin and Curio Co., 8 West 37th Street, New York. In the second place come B. Max Mehl, Fort Worth, Texas; Waite Raymond, Hotel Ritz-Tower, Park Ave. and 57th Street, New York; M.H. Bollender, Orangeville,

Ill. Of these, the Elder Co. is certainly the most advantageous from your standpoint. As a rule they charge from 25% to 30% of the prices realized at the Sale to cover printing charges and commission. Of course if you sell the collection outright (and not at auction) there would be no commission charges. Of the firms named, my experience has been that Elder has the largest clientele for ancient coins.

You kindly ask if there are any charges for arranging and handling the Arnold collection, so far. In view of the selection of coins which Mr. Arnold allowed the Society to retain to cover the trouble, time and cost of dividing, cleaning some of the pieces and describing them, there are no further charges on our part, as the matter stands now. There may be further small expenses in packing and shipping the collection to whomsoever you may decide to intrust the collection to for sale.

Yours very truly,

President.

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
ALBANY, NEW YORK

January 29, 1934.

Mr. Edward T. Newell,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Newell,

I have talked with Mr. Arnold's family relative to the collection of his coins which you are holding at your Society and they desire to have them shipped to Albany. Will you therefore pack them and send them to me at 75 State Street; I will see that they are delivered to Mr. Arnold's home.

According to your letter of January 8, the cost of dividing, cleaning and describing these coins has been paid for. Will you please advise us of the cost of packing and shipping.

Yours very truly,

Ledyard Cogswell Jr

LEDYARD COGSWELL, JR.
Executor

February 2, 1934.

Mr. Ledyard Cogswell, Jr.
[illegible] State Street
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January [illegible]th to Mr. Newell at hand. We are packing up the coins belonging to the estate of Benjamin Walworth Arnold and will ship them to you express prepaid at our earliest opportunity. When I know what this costswill be I will inform you.

Very truly yours,

SN:JC

Secretary

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
ALBANY, NEW YORK

5 Correspondence II

February 7, 1934.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Newell,

The box of coins has arrived but we have not as yet had a chance to examine them. It would be very helpful to us in checking up these coins if we could have a list of the coins which you retained as payment for your services in cleaning and describing them. It is possible that this information may be contained in the box with the coins, in which case please ignore this request.

We will be glad to receive a bill for the cost of shipment, etc. and thank you for your promptness in attending to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Ledyard Cogswell Jr.

LEDYARD COGSWELL, JR.
Executor

February 7, 1934.

Mr. Ledyard Sagswell, Jr.
75 State Street
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The other day we shipped to you express prepaid the coins belong to the estate of Benjamin W. Arnold. The cost was $1.62.

Very truly yours,

H.M.:JG

Curator

February 7, 1934.

Estate of Benjamin W. Arnold

Prepaying box of coins to Albany.....$1.62

Wed Feb 1934

BENJAMIN WALWORTH ARNOLD
ALBANY, NEW YORK

February 8, 1934.

Mr. Howland Wood,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Wood,

Enclosed is a check for $1.62 in payment of your bill of the 7th. Will you please receipt the bill and also sign the enclosed typewritten receipt which it is necessary for us to have for all Estate bills.

Thank you for sending the coins so promptly.

Yours very truly,

Ledyard Cogswell Jr

LEDYARD COGSWELL, JR.
Executor

Encs. 3.

✓ Receipt

February 16, 1934.

Mr. Ledyard Cogswell, Jr.
75 State Street
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Mr. Newell has been turned over to me. I doubt if we can help you very much on a list of the coins that we retained. We took 37 Egyptian glass pieces, 5 copper coins of Constantius II and 196 other coins. With the large lot we entered them en bloc about two years ago and they have now been distributed throughout our cabinets. These included 70 Alexandrian coins and 126 poor coins unclassified that were used for experimentation in cleaning to see if they could be restored. We also retained 582 various small Roman copper coins of various emperors and 3 Arabic coins.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

In the Arnold

37 Glass weights entered in accession book under date of Dec 1931

126 [illegible] Roman [illegible] entered Feb 1932 of which 56 are at Columbia being [illegible]

70 Alexandrine wine entered Feb 1932 now in [illegible]

[illegible]

Entered up

196 Alexandrine

37 glass

2.30

~~too poor being cleaned~~

Egyptian Glass weights
wanted by the Society 37 pieces
16 of which have bungled inscriptions
that cannot be read.

First selection for Mr. A 37
Second selection Mexico? 10 ✓
duplicates & too
poor to read 16

Arabic Coins
wanted by the Society 3
First selection for Mr. A 7
second selection Mexico? 2 ✓
Duplicates 39

Arnolds coins ?

In old vault drawers 32-33, South west side are a lot of small Roman coins about ~~450~~ of them 582

also 2 small double partition drawers with coins in envelopes on one of the treads on ~~the~~ step ladder in the vault

Possibly coins in cigar box on step ladder in vault

moved with rest